GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:661
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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have set a target for the upliftment of all poor people living below poverty line by the year 2005;

(b) If so, the estimated number of poor people living below the poverty line at present, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh and the number out of them belonging to SCs/STs; and

(c)

(c) the number of the poor people targeted to be uplifted above the poverty line, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENEGRY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) as approved by the National Development Council has indicated reduction of poverty ratio (ratio of number of poor to total population) by 5 percentage points by 2007.

(b) The latest estimate of number of people living below the poverty line i.e. number of poor people, state-wise, is available for the year 1999-2000. This is given in Annexure-I. In Andhra Pradesh, 11.90 million people lived below the poverty line in 1999-2000. The latest estimate of the percentage of poor among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population are available for the year 1993-94. These are given in Annexure-II. The estimates of number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population living below the poverty line are not available.

(c) The number of the poor people targeted to be uplifted above the poverty line is not fixed annually.

Annexure to Question No. 661 Part (b)

Annexure-I

Number and Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line

by States - 1999-2000 (30-day Recall period)

No.	States/U.T.`s	Rural Persons (Lakhs)	Rural % of Persons	Urban Persons (Lakhs)	Urban % of Persons	Combined Persons (Lakhs)	Combined % of Persons
1.	Andhra Pradesh	58.13	11.05	60.88	26.63	119.01	15.77
2.	Arunachal Pr.	3.80	40.04	0.18	7.47	3.98	33.47
3.	Assam	92.17	40.04	2.38	7.47	94.55	36.09
4.	Bihar	376.51	44.30	49.13	32.91	425.64	42.60
5.	Goa	0.11	1.35	0.59	7.52	0.70	4.40
6.	Gujarat	39.80	13.17	28.09	15.59	67.89	14.07

7 Haryana 11.94 8.27 5.39 9.99 17.34 8.74

8. Himachal Pr. 4.84 7.94 0.29 4.63 5.12 7.63

9. Jammu & Kashmir 2.97 3.97 0.49 1.98 3.46 3.48
10. Karnataka 59.91 17.38 44.49 25.25 104.40 20.04
11. Kerala 20.97 9.38 20.07 20.27 41.04 12.72
12. Madhya Pradesh 217.32 37.06 81.22 38.44 298.54 37.43
13. Maharashtra 125.12 23.72 102.87 26.81 227.99 25.02
14. Manipur 6.53 40.04 0.66 7.47 7.19 28.54
15. Meghalaya 7.89 40.04 0.34 7.47 8.23 33.87
16. Mizoram 1.40 40.04 0.45 7.47 1.85 19.47
17. Nagaland 5.21 40.04 0.28 7.47 5.49 32.67
18. Orissa 143.69 48.01 25.40 42.83 169.09 47.15
19. Punjab 10.20 6.35 4.29 5.75 14.49 6.16
20. Rajasthan 55.06 13.74 26.78 19.85 81.83 15.28
21. Sikkim 2.00 40.04 0.04 7.47 2.05 36.55
22. Tamil Nadu 80.51 20.55 49.97 22.11 130.48 21.12
23. Tripura 12.53 40.04 0.49 7.47 13.02 34.44
24. Uttar Pradesh 412.01 31.22 117.88 30.89 529.89 31.15
25. West Bengal 180.11 31.85 33.38 14.86 213.49 27.02
26. A & N Island 0.58 20.55 0.24 22.11 0.82 20.99
27. Chandigarh 0.06 5.75 0.45 5.75 0.51 5.75
28. Dadra & Nag.Hav.0.30 17.57 0.03 13.52 0.33 17.14
29. Daman & Diu 0.01 1.35 0.05 7.52 0.06 4.44
30. Delhi 0.07 0.40 11.42 9.42 11.49 8.23
31. Lakshadweep 0.03 9.38 0.08 20.27 0.11 15.60
32. Pondicherry 0.64 20.55 1.77 22.11 2.41 21.67
All India 1932.43 27.09 670.07 23.62 2602.50 26.10

Notes:

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh,Meghalaya, Mizoram,Manipur,Nagaland and Tripura.

2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7 Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

9. Urban Poverty Ratio of Rajasthan may be treated as tentative.

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Annexure-II

Percentage of Population below Poverty Line by States - 1993-94

S.No.	States	Rural		Urban	
		Sched. Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Sched. Caste	Scheduled Tribe
1	Andhra Pradesh	26.02	25.66	43.82	46.68
2	Assam	45.38	41.44	14.34	7.11
3	Bihar	70.66	69.75	55.16	35.76
4	Gujarat	32.26	31.20	44.99	35.47
5	Haryana	46.56	41.55	23.58	0.00
6	Himachal Pr.	36.89	63.94	18.52	0.00

7	Karnataka	46.36	37.33	61.59	62.05
8	Kerala	36.43	37.34	31.59	1.08
9	Madhya Pradesh	45.83	56.69	65.00	65.28
10	Maharashtra	51.64	50.58	52.56	61.06
11	Orissa	48.95	71.26	47.45	64.85
12	Punjab	22.08	27.00	27.96	0.00
13	Rajasthan	38.38	46.23	48.63	13.21
14	Tamil Nadu	44.05	44.37	61.50	30.08
15	Uttar Pradesh	58.99	37.11	58.02	36.89
16	West Bengal	45.29	61.95	37.73	19.41
17	All India	48.11	51.94	49.48	41.14

Note:

1. The estimates are based on the methodology outlined in the report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor.

2. The Poverty Line for all population is used for SC`s and ST`s.

3. All India poverty ratio is worked out from the NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line.